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HOSPITALIZED:

If you, or someone you know, is in the hospital, please let the office know.

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Karen Ferguson, Jim Gulley, Grover Van Dyke, Louie Heuermann, Helen Goffrey (Laura's Granddaughter), Byron Webb, Charlotte Sparks, Joni Bradshaw, Clyde Lockenour, Rev Wayne Ahrens, Martin Behnke, Linda Samp, Darlene Marvel, Jayme Knapp, Debbie Lawrence, Mike Clayton, Tina Hill, Roberta Muzzarelli (Jim Grebe's mother-in-law), Ann Schwindenhammer (sister-in-law of Mike Schwindenhammer), Connie Trunk, Rudy Bozec (brother of Linda Von Behren), Neil Johnson (brother of Debbie Lawrence), for those in the military, for our Church Boards and their members, CLS staff and students, for Christians being persecuted worldwide. *THE BOARD OF ELDERS REMINDS YOU* that if you have someone you would like to be remembered in The Prayer of the Church during worship on Sundays, send an email to angie.evans@christlutheranpeo.org or call the church office (637-5309). We will renew prayers when requested.

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (JAN 13th - JAN 19th)

MON01/13:

TUES01/14: Church Council.....6:00PM

WED01/15: Chapel.....10:00AM

View and Chew11:30AM

Adult Choir.....4:00PM

THU01/16: Bell Choir.....4:00PM

FRI01/17: Ladies Bible Study.....9:30AM

SAT01/18

SUN01/19: Holy Communion 9:00AM

LWML Bake Sale

Sunday School10:15AM

Bible Class 10:30AM

Milestone make up date

JANUARY 12, 2025 THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Scripture of the Day

Isaiah 43:1-7, Romans 6:1-11,

Luke 3:15-22

*Boldly living
Christ's extreme love;
Building Faith
and Community*

The Baptism of Our Lord

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!

NOTE TO OUR GUESTS: Since Holy Communion is a public demonstration of unity in faith, those who commune should express their acceptance of the faith and teaching for which we stand. Our welcome to visitors is heartfelt. Visitors from another Lutheran church or Congregation are asked to please approach our Pastor, if you have not already done so, before attending communion this morning. Also, if you're not a member of an LCMS church but would like a blessing, cross your arms across your chest to receive the blessing. Individual cups are available, in addition to the common cup, as you approach the Altar. **Non-alcoholic white wine** is available in the center of the tray.

VISION STATEMENT: Christ Lutheran Church will continue its Christ-centered, life directed focus, responding to the needs of its members, emphasizing local and worldwide witness, and acting as a catalyst for the improvement of the neighborhood.

ELDER PRAYING WITH PASTOR: Tommie Washington

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: Tommie Washington, Del Hume, Reg Lee

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICES TODAY: Emily Zaia, Linda Elward

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Colleen Lamberti, Feli Foote

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Kayley Smith, Gracie Smith

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Second Sunday after Epiphany The First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5, The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, and The Holy Gospel: John 2:1-11.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY: is "Micah". The packets for Unknown Heroes, contain fun activities and games to help your kids learn all about the books of the Bible, so be sure to check out the digital version in your church email or pick up a packet at the back door. If the packets are gone, see Laura, Darla, or Sue about getting a hard copy. ****SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**** Thank you to all our children and "big children" for leading us in our Sunday School Christmas program. A special thanks to JoAnn, Laura, Sarah and Aubrey for directing! ****We are planning on "First Bible" makeup classes January 19th & 26th as well as Preschool/Toddler parents' classes March 2nd & 9th. Preschoolers will also receive an age appropriate bible. **Our board will be sending out Baptism Birthday cards. **The first quarter Sunday**

School offerings are going to support LERT, Lutheran Early Response Team. This group, with which Alan White has been involved, has helped the North Carolina tornado victims that we want to support. ****PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER:** Preschool-K: Rufus Grebe, Josie McGarr, 1st -5th: Aiden Grebe, Abigail Simmons, Evelyn Smith, Norah Abatie, Kaeden Heuermann, DaRhonda Yates, Emersyn Dicce, MacKenzie Abatie, Feli Foote, 6th-HS: Kayley Smith, Andrew Simmons, Harlon Foote, Adults: JoAnn Reith, Luke & Gana Grebe, Robin Abatie, Dwayne Allen, Karol Allen, Pastor Eckhoff, Sue Heinz, Judy & Bill Nelson, Kathy Otten, Gary Heinz, Al Schneider, Jeff & Chris Grebe, Jim Grebe, Jane Grebe, Louis Heuermann, Nancy Knoll, Barb O'Dell, Mary & Tommie Washington, Darla Heuermann.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$7,706.00; MTD: \$7,706.00 Improvement Fund: \$190.00; MTD: \$190.00. Attendance: N-K 1, 1-5 5, 6-HS 0, Adults 37, Visitors 1, Total 43.

THIS IS THE 7th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Luke 3:21 – "Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying ..." We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn't need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR: to the glory of God and in honor of Emily Zaia's birthday today.

VIEW AND CHEW - We're excited to start up View and Chew again in the new year with a few sessions including different speakers and educational programs! We hope you'll join us on January 15, at 11:45am with our special guests Alex Lamprecht, Financial Associate and Joshua Sutter, Financial Associate from Thrivent. They will talk about who Thrivent is, what makes them different, including member benefits like Action Teams and Thrivent Choice Dollars which can help support our church and school and also how Thrivent can help you with your financial future. This is sure to be a discussion you won't want to miss! No products will be sold at this event. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Please call Alan White with questions.

WE HONOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS of 90 years and over in 2025: Jenny Whitby-92 on March 23rd; Louis Knief-91 on May 10th; Connie Trunk-90 on May 21st; Beverly Wuehle-92 on July 16th; Hilda Knief-91 on July 1st; Dale Eckhoff-92 on Sept 18th; Joan Durham-93 on Sept 21st; Bill Martott-90 on October 11th; Grover Van Dyke on October 18th; Donna Gogele-95 on November 18th.

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Opening Hymn

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" (LSB 394)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7 p. 603

The Epistle Reading

Romans 6:1-11 p. 942

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-22 p. 858

Nicene Creed

Hymn

"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" (LSB 405)

Sermon

"Good News"
Luke 3:15-22
Rev. Karl Eckhoff

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Confessional Address

Confession and Absolution

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution Hymns

"Brightest and Best of the Stars" (LSB 400)
"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" (LSB 633)
"The People That in Darkness Sat" (LSB 412)

Post Communion Collect

Benediction

Closing Hymn

"Hail, O Source of Ev'ry Blessing" (LSB 409)

Organist: Connie Bremer